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30/... Contribution of parliaments to the work of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review

The Human Rights Council,

Acknowledging the crucial role that parliaments play in, inter alia, translating international commitments into national policies and laws, and hence in contributing to the fulfilment by each State Member of the United Nations of its human rights obligations and commitments and to the strengthening of the rule of law,

Taking note of the successive resolutions adopted by the General Assembly since 2010, in particular its resolutions 65/123 of 13 December 2010, in which the Assembly recognized the importance of continued parliamentary support for the work of the Human Rights Council, and 66/261 of 29 May 2012, in which it encouraged the Inter-Parliamentary Union, as the world organization of national parliaments, to strengthen its contribution to the Council, particularly with regard to the universal periodic review, as well as resolution 68/272 of 19 May 2014, in which the Assembly welcomed the contribution of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to the work of the Council,

Recalling its resolutions 22/15 of 21 March 2013 and 26/29 of 27 June 2014 on the contribution of parliaments to the work of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review,

Taking note with appreciation of the summary report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights of the panel discussion on the theme, "Contribution of

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parliaments to the work of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review", held on 29 May 2013,[1]

Welcoming the update at the twenty-ninth session by the High Commissioner on the activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Union on parliamentary capacity-building, as well as on its activities with regard to the work of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review, as requested by the Council in its resolution 26/29,

Considering that the Human Rights Council and parliaments stand to gain considerably from continuing exploring possible synergies to ensure that the universal periodic review has the greatest impact at the national level,

1. *Decides* to convene, at its thirty-second session, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council, a panel discussion to take stock of the contribution of parliaments to the work of the Council and its universal periodic review and to identify ways to enhance further that contribution;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel discussion and to liaise with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, States Members of the United Nations and relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and national human rights institutions, with a view to ensuring their participation;

3. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the panel discussion in the form of a summary and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fifth session;

4. *Decides* to continue consideration of this issue under the same agenda item.

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[1] Available from www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session26/Pages/ListReports.aspx.